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TOPIC HWKVP Information on an AAA Unit in Torgelow of the Prenzlau Division

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REMARKS

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1. In late March 1953, source learned from records of the HWKVP that the AAA unit of the Prenzlau Div, whose bulk was in winter billets in Saxony-Anhalt during the winter, was stationed at a construction project east of the Torgelow-Viereck road. The unit was organized into the headquarters, one instruction battery, one command battery, one flash and sound-ranging battery, and four batteries of two firing platoons of three 37-mm guns. Each gun crew included the squad leader, one cannoneer for the traversing mechanism, one cannoneer for the elevating mechanism, one cannoneer for climb, flight, inclination and sight, one gun loader and ammunition carriers. The AAA unit at the time of information totaled 38 officers, 164 NCOs and 300 EM.

Officers assigned to the unit included Senior Lieutenant Garz (fnu), commanding officer; Lieutenant Reinich (fnu), deputy; Senior Lieutenant Maranie (fnu), political officer; Lieutenant Keil (fnu), chief of staff; Senior Lieutenant Böck (fnu), supply chief; Senior Lieutenant Trieglau (fnu), commander of the 3d Battery; and Lieutenant Stareck (fnu), battery commander.

2. In addition to 37-mm guns, the unit at the time of information had seven 122-mm special-purpose guns and infantry weapons including five light machine guns, 45 rifles, 35 submachine guns and 6 pistols.
3. The training program included political indoctrination, infantry tactics, construction of field fortifications and trenches, map reading, first-aid service, firing (ballistics) and, as a special field, range-finding with all sorts of equipment of class E.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Reports by deserters indicated that an AAA battalion, previously stationed in the area south of Torgelow, was with the artillery regiment under Major Gaertner (fnu), in the winter billets in Dessau-Rochstedt. It is believed that this AAA unit is the unit described in the present report. An ex-officer of the Prenzlau Div, who deserted, said that an independent AAA battalion of about 400 men was assigned to this division. The present report confirms that an AAA battalion is assigned to the Prenzlau Div.

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